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Short is the date alaſs! of modern rhimes,
And 'tis but juſt to let 'em live betimes.
POPE's Eſſay on Criticiſm.

Tho' the following Letter would, no doubt, have been more acceptable to the Public about 4 months ago; yet it was thought proper to publiſh it, to ſhew our readineſs to do ſomething to the advantage of any Gentleman, who may have, either undeſervedly in himſelf, or undeſignedly in us, been repreſented in a diſadvantageous manner in any of theſe Memoirs. The ſecond Letter is likewiſe publiſhed on the ſame account.

Mr. BAVIUS, *Nov.* 25, 1730.

AS you gave us in your 28th *Journal* the fulleſt account of the Cambridge Commencement, and have lately revived ſome diſcourſe about the Author of the Muſic Speech; the following Letter, written by a Gentleman in London to his friend in the Country, upon that ſubject, may not be unacceptable now to ſome of your Readers.

Dear Sir,

AFter my return from the Commencement at *Cambridge*, *Quid prius dicam ſolitis Parentis laudibus?* I beg leave, however, to paſs over the Diſputations, as too philoſophical an entertainment to a Gentleman of your taſte; who, after paying two or three years attendance on a Miſtreſs, muſt have found out a better way of reaſoning than by ſyllogiſm, at leaſt are an unhappy inſtance of the weakneſs of it.

The fair Sex, let me tell you, upon this public occaſion, detach'd a numerous body to ſurvey the force of reaſon in its greateſt glory. The ſubſtance, I ſuppoſe, of their report is, that we ſpend years in learning what nature ſuggeſts to them, only to deny the *Minor*. — Well, Diſputations apart, the diverſion and glory of the Commencement, were the Ladies Company and the Muſic Speech. The latter, tho' heard with the moſt univerſal applauſe, has, ſince the publication, lain under ſome imputation of obſcurity. The ingenious *Johnian*, as well as your Lady, has dwelt too much, perhaps, in *Barbara celarent:* but from the beauties obvious to every eye, we may gueſs at thoſe that lie concealed from us. I ſhall readily communicate what I can diſcover in the one, without expecting the like favour return'd in the other.

The Poet begins with an addreſs to the Ladies, tells them, That this day's repreſentation ſhews them what an awkward creature a *Gremial Doctor* is; who, being bred up in the boſom of the Univerſity, is denied the privilege of taking his degree before the time preſcribed by ſtatute. Having ſpent the fire of life in ſmoke and obſcurity, he endeavours, at laſt, to rekindle it in matrimony, when grey hairs, like embers, ſhew its approaching decay.

As for the *Oxford* Gentlemen, it is not ſo with them; who have found out the way of reconciling PLATO with HYMEN, as eaſily as buttery books with a milk ſcore.

Upon this open confeſſion of our unpoliteneſs, the Ladies will conceive but a diſadvantageous opinion of us. Thoſe that came hither in hopes of flattery, I ſee uneaſy now, for being diſappointed of it; and, in one moment's paſſion, forget all the philoſophy this morning had taught them; juſt as their ſtomachs throw back wholſome phyſic, for want of ſugar after it.

To theſe I humbly offer the purpled Gentlemen of *Trinity*, to whom I gratefully acknowledge all the thanks are due, if the character, I have hitherto drawn of the Univerſity in general, is not too ſtrictly true. This dreſſing, dancing race, will ſufficiently attone for the uncouthneſs of the reſt of us; for the roughneſs of the *Johnian*, the melancholy of the *Jeſuit*, the politics of *Clare Hall*, the indolence of *Bennet*, and the eternal whiſk of *Kays*; nay, for the ill-nature of *Sidney* and *Queen's*, who voted againſt the Muſic Act, and the pleaſure of this beautiful Aſſembly.

He then proceeds with the picture of the ſleek Gentlemen he before mentioned, deſcribes the metamorphoſis of their boaſted Library into a maſquerading houſe. He ſees

The ſolemn wax in gilded ſconces glare,
Where poring WORMIUS *dangled once in air.*

WORMIUS, you muſt know, is a Fellow of that College, who walking alone between the roof and the cieling, by a falſe ſtep fell through, up to the elbows, and ſo was found dangling, like a pair of breeches at a ſhop window. He is not the identical WORMIUS mentioned in the *Dunciad*, tho' of the ſame *ſtock*, the ſame *original*. A *Johnian*, I remember, ſaid, he was a man of great *penetration*, who had found a *paſſage* in the Library, which Dr. BENTLEY himſelf had never *hit upon*.

The next Paragraph, I muſt own, I don't fully underſtand. By the *handſome Envoy*, a pretty youth of *Trinity*, they ſay, is hinted at, who was deſign'd for Envoy; but his patrons finding him capable of counting twenty, got him a place in the Treaſury, and ſo from a *modern* Scholar raiſed him to a Man of *figure* literally.

In deſcribing the learned productions, which theſe Gentlemen will leave to poſterity, he tells us,

The well ſpelt page, perhaps, with rapture dwells
On PEPYS *gilded ſhew, or* WOODWARD's *ſhells.*

The former of theſe lately gave to *Magdalen* Coll. library a collection of books well letter'd — on the outſide, with ſilk head-bands and fillets, I may ſay, *permiſſu ſuperiorum*, fit for any Queen. Dr. WOODWARD's Foſſils, lately bought by the Univerſity, not unknown to the centre of the earth, perhaps, to the *Antipodes*. To proceed with more contents,

E'en China Nymphs ſhall live in ſonnet there,
Or POLLY PEACHUM *ſtroll'd to* Sturbridge *Fair.*

By *China Nymphs* are only meant ſome Ladies that traffick'd in that brittle Ware laſt *Sturbridge* Fair time. The *Trinitonians* could diſcern in them charms more than *common*, and find out a POLLY PEACHUM under any covering.

Who firſt projected CÆSAR's *cavalcade;*
Who fond of planting Opera ſtatutes here,
Struck out the modiſh thought of ticketing the fair.

By *Cæſar*'s *cavalcade* the *Trinity* triumph is referr'd to, when Dr. *B.* enter'd the College with more than uſual pomp, and was receiv'd in it with far, far more than uſual joy. Reaſon good: he had given out, you muſt know, that he came to take his leave of them. —— See the Ballad.

The method of admitting the Ladies into the Senate houſe at this Commencement, being debated before hand in Convocation, ſome wiſe Head propoſed they ſhould be allow'd *Tickets*. The conſequence would have been, that the Fellow-Commoners would have fill'd the galleries with *Cambridge* toaſts, and plac'd them next to their own Mammas or Siſters.

As the Poet began with the *Doctor*, ſo he concludes with the *Northern commencing Maſter*. From this glorious ſight he is hurried away to his diſtant Living, fir'd at once with love and ambition; the one from the noble proſpect of ſo many ſcarlet Doctors, the other from the captivating looks of our ſouthern Beauties. From theſe agitations he ſets himſelf to dull ſermonizing; or elſe, perhaps, providently gives his pariſh a weekly lecture of *honeſt* HARRY HILLS's printing, who uſed, you know, to reduce ſix penny ſermons into penny ones, for the benefit of ſome *poor ſcholars*, who are better at reading than writing. —— His next turn of life is to fall in love; and then he calls forth greater eloquence than ever his function demanded. But, ye Fair Ones, beware of counterfeits. The ſtock of Poetry is now ſunk much below *Par.* Bills or billets are ſtampt no more by *Phœbus* and *Company*. The *Muſes* are bankrupts in love; are become mere Brokers, and only to be found in *'Change Alley.*

For ſure the modern Bank of love and wit
Is what we mortals mean by Lombard-ſtreet.

I am yours, &c.

P. S. I ſhould have obſerv'd, that the Poet has given up the diſputed claim of ſeniority to *Oxford*, tho' SIGEBERT was commemorated on the ſunday, as one of your Royal Benefactors. Which of the two has the better plea I care not; but can't help producing a paſſage or two from a late Author, that has written in defence of the Antiquity of *Oxford*, which ſmell ſo modern, that I can bear them no more than a Soph can a Freſh-man. P. 136. *Ægrè tamen fert, quòd* CAMDENUS illum *exemplar vocaret optimum.* P. 133, 134. SIGEBERTI CANTABRIGIENSE *Hiſtoriæ prius pro veris habeantur, quàm viri literati omnia infima ſummis paria faciunt, turbant, miſcent.* P. 23. *Nulla mihi relicta videtur anſa dubitandi, quin* ASSERIUS *noſter primum* fuit *Menevenſis Epiſcopus*, &c.

SIR,

YOU were pleaſed in your laſt Journal, No. 49. to think, *That if a Piece be written well in general, 'tis too ſevere to expoſe a few particular miſtakes:* This is, indeed, to think like a generous and good-natur'd man, who deſires to receive both pleaſure and profit from Criticiſm. And I could have wiſh'd, for your ſake, that you had inſtill'd this principle into a Kinſman of yours, SIMPLE SIMON by name, before he had attack'd a late performance; which (ſetting aſide the reception it has met with, ſufficient to determine its character) muſt be own'd to have its beauties; yes, and, (all circumſtances conſider'd, as you ſay) beauties enough, to over-balance the blemiſhes, both real and imaginary.

I mean the Verſes that bear the name of STEPHEN DUCK; which, tho' undoubtedly his own in the main; yet being printed without his aſſent or approbation, cannot be call'd genuine, or expected to be correct. Which may ſerve as an anſwer to all the preſent objections: eſpecially thoſe of your Kinſman, who, before he had pretended to criticiſe, ought in point of good manners, to have been ſure of the very words and expreſſions of the Author, and not have carp'd at falſe Prints, Interpolations, &c. wherewith almoſt every Page abounds: p. 8. *Life* for *Lips*; p. 13. *Lowing* for *Lowring*; p. 30. *O then* for *But then*; p 25. *affright* for *affect*; p. 7. *no laſting*, &c. read *Our ſweeteſt joys are mixt with bitter woe.* Many more I could point out, would it not anticipate the ſatisfaction, I am perſuaded you will one day have from a genuine and correct copy.

But how ridiculous is it to tell Mr DUCK of Expletives, Ellipſes, Pleonaſms, &c! Terms and Figures, as unknown to him, as the *Newtonian Philoſophy*; tho' he may be ſenſible of any the like diſorder of Language, and would not venture on it without a Precedent: For, I believe, I could produce ſome of theſe Peccadillo's againſt Grammar from the beſt Writers of the Age: but I deſpiſe the ſnarling ſatisfaction of finding faults, and can eaſily pardon thoſe miſtakes, *Which*, as the greateſt Critic among the Romans obſerves, *Negligence may let ſlip, or againſt which our Nature is not ſufficiently guarded.*

Dec. 14, 1730. *Yours*, L. M.

Some of our Readers having complained, that we frequently inſert in our *Journals* Quotations in Latin, without any tranſlation, and particularly in our laſt; it was thought proper, to give here Mr. EACHARD's tranſlation of the paſſage in TERENCE, which ought to have been ſubjoin'd to the paſſage itſelf.

DEM. *You ſee, Gentlemen, how the caſe ſtands. What had I beſt to do? Your advice, Mr. Counſellor.*

HEG. *Meaning me Sir? —— I think Mr. Cratine's the fitteſt man to ſpeak firſt, if you pleaſe.*

DEM. *Come on then, Mr. Cratine.*

CRA. *Who I, Sir?* DEM. *Yes, you, Sir.*

CRA. *I'd willingly adviſe you for the beſt: I am of opinion, Sir, that what your Son did in your abſence, ſhould, in right and reaſon, be null and void, ipſo facto; and the Law will allow it.*

DEM. *Now for you, Mr. Hegio.*

HEG. *I believe Mr. Cratine ſpoke as he thought: but as the ſaying is* So many Men, ſo many Minds, *every one as they like. In my opinion, what the Law has once determin'd, ſhou'dn't be cancell'd, and 'twou'd be a ſcandal to offer at ſuch a thing.*

DEM. *Now for your opinion, Mr. Crito.*

CRIT. *I deſire time to conſider on't; 'tis a weighty affair.*

HEG. *Ha've any further occaſion for our advice?*

DEM. *You've made rare work on't, i'faith.—— So I'm more to ſeek now than ever.*

An EPIGRAM on the late Mrs. OLDFIELD.

SInce Farce, and tongueleſs *Pantomimes* can charm,
And *Dollalolls* each Coxcomb's boſom warm;
Since trifling *Sing-ſong* can the Fair engage;
'Twas time for OLDFIELD, glory of the Stage,
To fly, indignant, this dull, thankleſs age.
OLDFIELD, whoſe ev'ry action had a tongue;
Graceful her air, her ſpeech melodious ſong!
But, thank our ſtars, ſhe's gone; and BOOTH is dumb:
So ſhall my *Brethren* live, and eke *Tom Thumb.*

PHILO GRUB.

LONDON.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 10.

Laſt night the Seſſions ended at the Old Bailey, when the 17 following Malefactors [but 16 mentioned] received ſentence of death, viz. Al. White, Fran. Saunders, John Mines, alias Minſham, alias Mitchell, Rob Tyler, Conſtance Buckle, Will. Brabyn, Jam. Hall, Will. Holland, Pet. Norman, John Smith, John Barnet, Ric. Smith, Will. Whitford, all 13 for the Highway; Tho. Manſell for horſe-ſtealing; Mary Smith, for privately ſtealing 5 s. from the perſon of one Delaport, and Joſhua Cornwall, for Burglary, &c. *C.* &c. —— 3 were burnt in the hand, 6 ordered to be whipt, and between 40 and 50 for tranſportation. *D J.* —— *There is great diſagreement betwixt my Brethren in this article, which it would be too tedious to mention: but my learned Brother the* Hiſtoriographer of Newgate *will ſoon give the Public an exact account of theſe eminent perſons.*

Laſt week died of the ſmall-pox, at his ſeat in Warwickſhire, Sir John Huband, Bar. aged about 17. *D. P. S J. WE.* The title is extinct. *L E.* Hubbard. *E P.*

Briſtol, Dec. 7. Two of Mr. Robin's men, who left his work about a fortnight ago, being taken up at the Devizes for horſe-ſtealing, have ſwore, that another man of Robin's was the perſon that ſet fire to Mr. Packer's houſe; the fellow was taken up this morning. *C.*

On wedneſday a reprieve was ſent to Ireland for Mr. Porter and Mr. Johnſton, &c *Ibid.* —— *The* D P. *of ſat.* 12. *ſays the* reprieve *was* for Mr. Porter.

Two of the Knight-Marſhal's men at a time are commanded to attend her Majeſty, when ſhe walks abroad; for which additional duty, their Salaries are advanced from 18 to 38 l. per ann. each. *D J.*

The Rev. Dr. Symonds, Dean of Battle, in Suſſex, a Benefice of particular privileges, is lately dead, after having enjoyed it 42 years. That, and the living of Ewhurſt annexed, which makes it a good Deanery, are in the gift of Sir Tho. Webſter, of Copt-Hall in Eſſex, Bar *P. E P. WE. LE.* —— *I am aſſured, that the late* Dean *was no* Doctor; *and that* Ewhurſt *is not* annexed *to the* Deanery.

Mr. Ric. Young, of Midhurſt in Suſſex, is appointed by the R. H. the E. of Hertford, Cuſtos Rotulorum of that County, Clerk of the Peace for Suffolk, in the room of Mr. Shepherd, deceaſed. *L E.* — *It ſhould have been* for Suſſex.

This week there was brought to the King's Meuſe at Charing croſs, from the Eaſt-Indies, 2 large birds called Caſſawars, a Harſpank, and a bird called a Van Vavo; the laſt reckoned worth 500 l. ſuch as hath not been ſeen before in theſe parts. *Ibid.*

The Rev. Dr. Walker, Chaplain to the Archbiſhop of Canterbury, Dean of Bockin in Eſſex, Rector of Much Eaſton in the ſame County, Archdeacon of Hereford, and Chancellor of S. David's, is made Rector of S. Mary Aldermary, London. —— *My Brother the* L E *has put this article in Italic, as containing ſomething extraordinary: but, I think, it has not been unuſual to diſtinguiſh Perſons of great parts or learning, eſpecially if greatly related, by* Pluralities *in Church and State.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 11.

We hear the Ambaſſador from the Dey of Algiers is to be allowed, by his Majeſty 100 l. per month, and other expences, during his ſtay. *C.*

Wedn. laſt Hugh Cathereil, Hugh Davies, and Will. Abell, late Collectors of the Weſtminſter Turnpike, were convicted before Sir Tho. Croſſe, Bar, &c. at a ſpecial Seſſion at the Veſtry Room of St. Margaret's Weſtminſter, of great and notorious frauds and concealments, amounting to 5 or 600 l. a year; and were thereupon committed to Newgate, without bail or main-prize, 'till they ſhould render a true and full account. *D J.* —— Three of the Collectors of the Chelſea Turnpike, who had formerly been committed to Newgate for frauds, and diſcharged without conſent of the Commiſſioners. *C.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to order a Patent to paſs the proper ſeals, for the better and more effectual extracting by certain ingredients prepared for that purpoſe, of ſilver from lead ore, far beyond the method now in uſe. *D J.* —— *If this new* method *prove* effectual, *it will be of great advantage to the nation, in which there is at preſent a vaſt quantity of* leaden ore.

Yeſterday, in the evening, at the great door in Lincolns-Inn-Fields Play-houſe, one of the private Centinels quarrell'd with Tho. Day, a Chairman, about ſetting his chair in the paſſage; and as Day and his partner were removing their chair, he follow'd him, and ſtabb'd him thro' the back with his bayonet, of which wound he died in about an hour. The Centinel was committed to Newgate. *Ibid.* Stabbed him ſeveral inches in the belly. *P.* —— *The* C. *of ſat.* 12. *ſays,* he is not dead: *but the* E P. & J. *and* L E. *repeat the account above.*

Laſt night the King and Queen, his R. Highneſs, &c. were at the Theatre-Royal in Drury-lane, to ſee the Play of the Fatal Marriage, and the Maſque of Cephalus, &c. with the new Pantomime, call'd, Harlequin Grand-Volgi: they ſeem'd highly pleas'd with the Entertainment, which has gain'd univerſal applauſe: the farther performance of it is deferred for ſome time, on account of the new Tragedy of Medæa. *D P.* —— *I fear it will be neceſſary to join* Harlequin *to* Medæa, *to* gain *it* univerſal applauſe.

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 12.

On Thurſday morning dy'd, after a tedious indiſpoſition, at his houſe at Stamford Rivers in Eſſex, the Hon. Sir John Ayloffe, Bart. and is ſucceeded by Joſ. Ayloffe of Lincoln's-Inn, Eſq; Barriſter at law. *C. D P.* The rev. Sir John Ayloffe Bar. Rect. of Stanford Rivers. Sir Joſeph is Grandſon of Sir William the firſt Baronet of the family. *L E.*

The depoſitions taken in Wiltſhire, relating to the perſon now in ſafe cuſtody for burning Mr. Packer's houſe at Briſtol, having been tranſmitted hither to one of his Majeſty's Principal Secretaries of State, we hear that a ſpecial Commiſſion will be forthwith ſent down to Briſtol, for trying that heinous offender and his accomplices. *D P.*

On ſaturday a cauſe was heard by the L. Chancellor, between Brig. Gen. Stuart, and the Executors of the late Gen. Stuart, when his Lordſhip after a hearing of 11 hours, decreed the ſaid Brig. upwards of 10,000 l. to be paid to him by the ſaid Executors. *P.*

A ſervant of a Gent. of conſiderable rank and figure in Yorkſhire, having refuſed to obey his commands, and the Gent. reprimanding him ſeverely, his ſervant had the impudence to draw a poker out of the fire, and make a thruſt at his maſter, which he avoided, and the ſervant repeating his attempt, the maſter drew his ſword, and kill'd him upon the ſpot. The Coroner's inqueſt brought in their Verdict *ſe defendendo. P.*

We hear that 2 Indians are coming over from South Carolina, one of them ſaid to be the King of the Yamaſees. This nation formerly conſiſted of 300 men, and were always enemies to the Engliſh ever ſince the Indian war 1715, being ſet on by the Spaniards at S. Auguſtine. By continual skirmiſhes they have been gradually ſo leſſen'd, that about a year ago they were reduced to 12 men. Their lands, which are ſome of the moſt fertile in Carolina, were given many years ago to the Engliſh by the Cherrokees, after they had conquered the Yamaſee nation. *D J.*

Yeſterday one Honner, a woman, was apprehended at Camberwell in Surrey, on ſuſpicion of ſending threatning letters to divers perſons, and committed to the County Goal. *Ibid.* —— In *the* C. *of mond.* 14.

Thurſd. night a Watchman belonging to S. James's houſe, was robb'd in King-ſtreet, Weſtm. by 2 foot-pads, who took from him about 13 ſhillings in ſilver, and ſome half-pence, and beat him in a barbarous manner. *E P.* —— *I ſuppoſe they* beat him, *for having ſo little money in his pocket, and yet pretending to be* a Watchman belonging to S. James's houſe.

We hear that an experiment is ſoon to be made on the drum of the ear, upon 2 of the Malefactors now under ſentence of death in Newgate, by Mr. Cheſelden, her Majeſty's Surgeon, in order to a more effectual method for the cure of deafneſs. *S J.* —— *There are 2 obſtacles, I fear, which will hinder the ſucceſs of this* experiment: *there is no law to bring theſe Gentlemen under* Mr. Cheſelden's *hands till they are dead; and if they conſent to come under them alive, he will find* the drum of their ears, *through diſuſe, incapable of hearing.*

Liverpool, Dec. 8. We have been greatly alarmed within theſe 2 days, by 4 or 5 perſons having received letters, &c. 4 *Ev.*

Dover, Dec. 9. The Juſtices of this eaſtern part of Kent having ordered all the Conſtables, &c. to make diligent ſearch after all idle or ſuſpected perſons: 20 were yeſterday brought before them at a meeting at Wingham; among which number only 1 gave any ſatisfactory account of himſelf; all the reſt were committed to priſon. *Ibid.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 14.

Saturday morning early died ſuddenly in his chair, Mr. Bugnis, Gentleman of the Ewery to his Majeſty, a place of 100 l. per ann. ſalary, beſides perquiſites. *C.* Mr. Bagnes. *D P.* Tho. Bagnaſh, Eſq; Yeoman of his Majeſty's Ewery, a place worth 200 l. per ann. *D J.*

They write from Hull, of the 28th [8th I ſuppoſe] that one of the Incendiaries having ſent 2 letters to perſons in Gainsborow; a man of that town was purſued and taken at Hull, where, being ſearched, ſeveral threatening letters were found about him, and, upon ſtrict examination, he confeſs'd the fact, and was committed to priſon there. *Ibid.*

His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the R. Rev. Dr. Ed. Chandler, L. Biſhop of Durham, to be L. Lieutenant, and Cuſtos Rotulorum of the County Palatine of Durham, &c. *Ibid.*

The beginning of laſt week, Mr. Hen. Gould, one of his Majeſty's Meſſengers, was diſpatched from the L. Harrington's Office, with expreſſes for the E. of Cheſterfield at the Hague; from whence he is to proceed with diſpatches to Hanover; from thence to Vienna, from thence to Pruſſia, and laſtly to Copenhagen. *Ibid.*

Worceſter, Dec. 3. Laſt mond. night a general privy ſearch being made through this County, a great number of vagabonds were taken up, and about 20 of the moſt ſuſpected were ſent to the houſe of Correction. 'Tis to be wiſhed this laudable practice was uſed in all the Counties of this Kingdom. *Ibid.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 15.

The Rev. Mr. Nairn is made Dean of Battle in Suſſex. *C. D P.*

Mr. Barker is appointed to ſucceed Tho. Bagnaſh, Eſq; *D J.*

We hear that Dr. Friend, Maſter of Weſtminſter Schoo', is to be made a Prebendary of Weſtminſter, in the room of Mr. Suckling, deceas'd. *D P.* —— *I am informed, that he* is *actually* made *ſuch.*

Wedneſday laſt died of the gout in his ſtomach, aged 74, at his ſeat at Rickmanſworth in Hertfordſhire, Temple Whitfield, Eſq; a Gent. of about 1200 l. per ann. *Ibid.*

Hull, Dec. 12. A fellow in our goal has confeſſed his writing one threatning letter to a Baker at Gainsborough, but diſowns his writing another to Mr. Flower, tho' 'tis thought he is the man, and in a fair way to be hang'd. The Town of Barton was all yeſterday ſeen in flames, but no boats came over till late at night, when we find 7 houſes were burnt, but no particulars. *D J.*

From Briſtol we learn, that the Woman ſeized at Bath has informed againſt Will. Morris, tall in ſtature, black hair, red pluſh cloaths, wears a ſword, the little finger of his right hand loſt, and rides a ſorril horſe: John Davis, an Iriſhman, of a middle ſtature, having a ſcar on one cheek, much pockfretten, generally wears a blue cloath coat with gold buttons, light wig with a bag, a ſword, and rides a black mare. James Jones, of a middle ſtature, having loſt the thumb of his right hand, wears his own hair, a red cloath coat trimm'd with green, a ſword, and rides a dun colour'd horſe or mare: Anthony Arnold, pretty tall, a bullet-mark on his right leg, generally wears a black velvet cap, black cloaths, a ſword, and rides a grey gelding. *D P.*

Cheſter, Dec. 8. Several baſe Letters have been ſent to people in this City, threatning them with fire and ſword, &c. *S J.*

York, Dec. 5. We are informed from Newcaſtle upon Tine, that the villainous Incendiaries have reached that place, and ſent threatning Letters to Hen. Rawling, Eſq; &c. *W E.*

Saturday night 2 Bakers (Brothers) near Hide Park Corner, were taken into cuſtody, being charged with having uttered a great number of counterfeit half-pence. *E P. S J.*

On the 6th inſtant a fire broke out at Mr. Char. Shepheard's, a ſubſtantial Farmer at Ickleton in Cambridgeſhire, which burnt with ſuch violence that they were not able to ſave the fineſt team of horſes in that Country, nor any other living ſtock that was upon the premiſſes: 'Tis not yet known how it came, but ſome travellers were ſuſpected, and followed on that account. *L E.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 16.

On monday his Majeſty in Council was pleaſed to order, that the Parliament, which ſtands prorogued on thurſday the 17th inſtant, ſhould be farther prorogued to thurſday the 21ſt of January next, when they will meet for the diſpatch of buſineſs. *D J.*

Laſt wedneſday ſeveral Noblemen of the Houſe of Commons, with ſeveral Merchants, were at the board of trade, on forming a new ſettlement in that fine pleaſant province of South-Carolina, for 1000 poor indigent people to ſettle a ſilk Manufacture by a charitable ſubſcription; which was approved by the board; and this day they meet there again to finiſh it. *P.*

Devizes, Dec. 12. The 3 men ſent to Bath to ſeize the fellow impeach'd of ſetting fire to Mr. Packer's houſe, ſeized him, but he denies it. The fellow is ſent to Ilcheſter gaol. *D J.*

From the Pegaſus in Grub-ſtreet.

The following copy of an Epitaph upon a Monument erected laſt week in the Cloiſters of Weſtminſter-Abbey, having been ſent us, it was ordered to be communicated to the Public.

HENRY WITHERS, *Lieutenant General, deſcended from a military ſtock, and bred in arms, in Britain, Dunkirk, and Tanger. Thro' the whole courſe of the two laſt wars of England with France, he ſerved in Ireland, in the Low Countries, and in Germany; was preſent in every battle, and at every ſiege; and diſtinguiſhed in all by an activity, a valour, and zeal, which nature gave and honour improved. A love of glory and of his country, animated and raiſed him above that ſpirit which the trade of war inſpires; a deſire of acquiring riches and honours by the miſeries of mankind. His temper was humane, his benevolence univerſal; and among all thoſe ancient virtues, which he preſerved in practice and in credit, none was more remarkable than his hoſpitality. He died at the age of 78 years, on the 11th of November* MDCCXXIX. *To whom this Monument is erected by his*

Companion in the wars, and his friend thro' life, HENRY DISNEY.

Here, WITHERS, *reſt! thou braveſt, gentleſt mind,*
Thy countreys friend, but more of humane kind.
Oh born to arms! O worth in youth approv'd!
O ſoft humanity, in age belov'd!
For thee the hardy Veteran drops a tear,
And the gay Courtier feels the ſigh ſincere.

WITHERS *adieu! yet not with thee remove*
Thy martial ſpirit, or thy ſocial love!
Amidſt corruption, luxury, and rage,
Still leave ſome ancient virtues to our age:
Nor let us ſay, (thoſe Engliſh glories gone)
The laſt true Briton lies beneath this ſtone.

In our 25th *Journal* we declared, that we thought it highly reaſonable, that all Compoſitions offered to the Public ſhould be either Rhime or Reaſon. We now give it as our opinion, That all Poetical Compoſitions ought to conſiſt intirely either of blank verſes, or verſes in rhime We therefore deſire our Brother the S. JAMES EVENING POST, to forbear inſerting for the future any ſuch Copies, as that in his Paper of Sat. Dec. 12. call'd an *Anſwer to the young Oxonian Bards Epiſtle to Mr.* POPE, *inſerted in* WE. *Tueſ.* Dec. 3. In this Anſwer, conſiſting only of 4 Couplets, the ſecond runs thus,

Know: Coxcombs, Fops, and Females will applaud
That which may be of genuine merit void.

As we think that no man of tolerable parts or wit can *applaud* ſuch low proſaic verſe: ſo we fear, that no *Coxcomb, Fop,* or *Female,* that has any ear, will *applaud* ſuch diſcordant rhime.

Mr. STEPHEN DUCK has modeſtly declin'd the honour we conferr'd upon him, becauſe it was done upon a wrong motive, the Poems which go under his name, having been printed without his knowledge, in a very incorrect and imperfect manner; a genuine edition of which he deſigns to publiſh in a little time.

The NEW LAUREATE was this day congratulated in the name of the Society; but the Speech being too long to inſert at preſent, it muſt be deferr'd till another opportunity, there being but juſt room enough left for the 2 following Epigrams.

An Epigram.

Court FOOLS and POETS once illuſtrious liv'd;
With different titles grac'd diſtinct they ſhone:
But Both are now ſo ſcarce, 'tis well contriv'd
To join a POET and a FOOL in one.

ANOTHER.

The *Wonders* of this Age to lateſt time
Shall ſhine tranſmitted down in Proſe and Rhime:
For ſee! two equal Pens their tribute bring;
OLDMIXON ſhall record, and CIBBER ſing.

Edinburgh, Dec. 8. About 5 or 6 this morning, that conſummate rogue Joſhua Deans broke out of the City jail, by getting up a chimney, and got clear off by the very means he was expected to have been made faſt, a rope. It is moſt ſurprizing, that a fellow, who broke the ſame priſon not a month ago, ſhould not have been deprived of every opportunity of making his eſcape; and this the rather, that it was actually ſurmiſed ſuch a deſign was intended, to prevent which, 2 of his confederates were carried from that priſon to the caſtle 3 days ago.—We hear from Paiſley, that a Farmer in that neighbourhood had his barn-yard burnt to the ground by wilful fire. *C P. Dec.* 15.

Dublin, Dec. 5. A Proclamation is publiſhed, for proroguing the Parliament, from Dec. 22. to Apr. 22. *C. D J. Dec.* 12.

Dublin, Dec. 8. By Letters from Limerick, giving a particular account of the taking of Croneer, we hear, that after that miſcreant had murdered his Maſter and Miſtreſs, (as heretofore mentioned) he made thither with all poſſible ſpeed, and having lain concealed for ſome time till the opportunity of a ſhip offered, which was bound for Spain, he entered himſelf as a Prieſt on board her, who was under proſecution there; but being always obſerved, when with the Maſter, to hold a handkerchief to his mouth, he at laſt eſpy'd his hare-lip; on which calling to mind the deſcription given of him in Dickſon's Dublin Intelligence, had him immediately ſecured and committed to goal, where he does not deny the fact, but pretends not to be the principal actor in that dreadful action; and that in caſe of a pardon, he will bring in ſeveral accomplices, as yet unknown. *E P.*

South-Carolina, Aug. 20, 1730. The Negroes had conſpired to riſe and deſtroy us laſt ſaturday night: but it pleaſed God to confound their councils: for ſome propoſed, that thoſe of every Plantation ſhould deſtroy their Maſters; but others were for riſing in a Body, and giving the blow at once. They ſoon made a great Body at the back of the Town, and had a great dance, and expected the Country Negroes to come and join them. Take the whole Province, we have about 28000 Negroes to 3000 Whites. The Chief of them, with ſome others, is apprehended, and in irons. *D J. Dec.* 11.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Dec.* 10.

This day arrived a Mail from Holland, *and* 2 *from* France.

Berlin, Dec. 2. Our Troops having been duly exerciſed for 6 months paſt, appear in excellent good order, and are ready to aſſemble in 24 hours at fartheſt. *S J.*

Bruſſels, Dec. 9. The Troops of his Imperial Majeſty in this Country are augmenting with all poſſible ſpeed. *Ibid.*

FRIDAY, *Dec.* 11.

Paris, Dec. 16. N. S. On the 11th the French Comedians acted for the firſt time, the Tragedy of Brutus, a new Play, written by M. Arouet de Voltaire; which met with a general applauſe. *C.*

SATURDAY, *Dec.* 12.

Leghorn, Nov. 25. The rebels of Corſica continue to fortify themſelves in the mountains, filling their magazines, and augmenting their troops. *C. D P.* —— *If they ſucceed in their undertakings, they will ceaſe to be* Rebels.

Venice, Dec. 2. The new Grand Seignior has drawn 20 millions out of his Treaſury, to ſupply the preſſing occaſions of the ſtate; has relieved his ſubjects of ſeveral taxes; and promiſed a great reward for the delivery of the bodies of the late Mufti and Aga of the Janizaries, who are now found to have made their eſcapes. *Ibid.* —— *A noble, and uncommon inſtance of generoſity this of the* Grand Turk, *and proper to be imitated by* Chriſtian Princes. —— *This* Mufti and Aga, *it ſeems,* are now found *to be in places where they* are *not to be* found

Cadiz, Nov. 28. We have juſt now received advice of the King's having iſſued an order for delivering out the periſhable goods brought by the laſt Fleet, on the Proprietors giving ſecurity for paying what indulto ſhall be laid thereon, which is not yet ſettled. *W E. L E.*

MONDAY, *Dec.* 14.

Vienna, Dec. 2. Preparations for war are carry'd on with the utmoſt diligence, as if no future negotiation were expected this winter. Yeſterday the Baron de Huldenberg, who has reſided here 40 years, as Envoy extraordinary from the Elector of Brunſwick, Hanover, with great reputation, had his audience of leave of their Imperial Majeſties, &c. *D P.*

TUESDAY, *Dec.* 15.

Yeſterday arrived a French, and 2 *Holland Mails.*

Berlin, Dec. 16. N. S. The King is now in the neighbourhood of Oranienburg, where he has killed a monſtrous boar, that weighed 540 l. 'Tis believed this beaſt came from Poland; and his picture is ordered to be taken. *C.*

Moſcow, Dec. . A new alliance has been concluded between the Courts of Ruſſia, Vienna, and Berlin; the 30,000 Ruſſians deſigned to enter into the ſervice of the Emp. are ordered to begin their march on the firſt requeſt of that Prince; and the Empreſs has ordered her forces to be augmented with 40,000 men. *D J.*

Bruſſels, Dec. 14. A report has been ſpread here of a plot diſcovered at Luxembourg: We are ſince informed, that a Lieutenant has been ſeized on ſuſpicion of holding a dangerous Correſpondence, and for taking a plan of the new fortifications of that fortreſs. *D P.*

Seville, Nov. 24. N.S The Spaniards are building a fort at St. Roch, in the neighbourhood of Gibraltar, to put a ſtop to the contraband trade that has been carried on there, to the great prejudice of his Majeſty's revenues. *C.*

Vienna, Dec. 6. Our laſt letters from Conſtantinople adviſe, that the depoſed Sultan and the Prince his Son, who make their reſidence in the old Seraglio, were treated with a great deal of kindneſs; and that the new Sultan having ſent to know of the particular Perſon who occaſioned the revolution, if he had any favour to ask? he returned this anſwer: 'That he would neither ask nor accept of any 'thing: that he had formerly been a Merchant, and traded 'many years with the Engliſh, 'till by great loſſes at ſea 'he was at laſt reduced, and is now reſolved to wander 'about the world in his rags. *C.* —— *This* Perſon *is either a real* Patriot, *or* Madman; *and perhaps both.*

Hague, Dec. 22. An inſinuation is juſt tranſmitted hither from Paris, that the Caſtle of S. Germain en Laye is furniſhing for the reſidence of the K. of Spain: They ſay, the Queen finding it impoſſible to prevent his abdicating his crown a ſecond time, has perſuaded him to take a little of his native air, and to leave the Regency to her, which (if true) would be a ſort of indirect abdication. *P.*

WEDNESDAY, *Dec.* 16.

Dantzick, Dec. 4. They write from Moſcow, that the Interpreter of the Heer Nephuef, Reſident of the Empreſs at Conſtantinople, was arrived there, with Letters from that Miniſter, containing in ſubſtance, 'That he did 'not believe he could procure audience of the new Sultan, without freſh Letters of Credence; That the 'Grand Seignior had reſolved to make a moſt vigorous 'war againſt the Perſians, and to chaſtiſe ſeverely ſome 'Princes of Armenia and Georgia, who had joined the 'army of Prince Thamas with a Body of 20,000 Horſe, 'and to drive out of their dominions all the Turks there-'in. —— The laſt Letters from Perſia adviſe, that Prince Thamas held the city of Babylon ſo cloſe block'd up, that according to all appearance the garriſon, conſiſting of 12,000 men, of the beſt troops of the Turks, would in a little time be oblig'd to ſurrender at diſcretion, for want of proviſions; and that by this conqueſt. Prince Thamas will be maſter of the whole kingdom of Babylon, and of all Armenia. *D J.*

Hague, Dec. 22. N. S. On tueſday their H. Mightineſſes gave their conſent to the equipment of 6 men of war, from 40 to 60 guns each, to be ready on the firſt call to join the Spaniſh Fleet. This Reſolution was made in concert with a neighbouring Potentate, who will obſerve the ſame conduct with regard to Spain: but at the ſame time it was agreed, not *to declare* war againſt the Emperor, let Spain ſay what ſhe will, who is at liberty to act as ſhe pleaſes with her own Troops, and the contingents of her Allies as Auxiliaries *P.*

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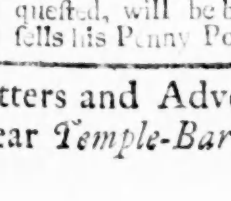

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